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SUBJECT: KHMER SITUATIONER SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1974

1. THERE WAS LITTLE CHANGE IN THE RESPECTIVE POSITIONS
OF BOTH SIDES IN THE PAST 24-HOUR PERIOD. SCATTERED
ACTIONS CONTINUED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

2. THE HEAVIEST OF THESE TOOK PLACE AT KOMPONG
CHAM WHERE FIVE ATTACKS BY FIRE WERE REPORTED
WITH LIGHT CASUALTIES. AT TAKEO
THERE WERE TWO GROUND ATTACKS AND 13 REFUGEES
REPORTED BACK ON THE GOVERNMENT SIDE. AT KOMPONG
SPEU THERE WERE FOUR ATTACKS BY MORTAR FIRE,
ONE GROUND ATTACK AND 33 ENEMY REPORTED KILLED IN
ACTION. KOMPONG SEILA SUFFERED FIVE GROUND
ATTACKS. AT SVAY RIENG 9 REFUGEE FAMILIES OR A TOTAL
OF 52 PERSONS HAVE COME BACK UNDER GOVERNMENT CONTROL.

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O SANDAN AND LOVECK-LOUDONG REPORT MODERATE-LEVEL

ATTACKS AND ACTION.

3. AT SIEM REAP THERE WAS STEADY ENEMY PRESSURE AGAINST FANK FORCES. FANK UNITS CONTINUE A SUCCESSFUL MOVEMENT TO THE EAST TO CAPTURE OR CUT OFF ENEMY RICE STOCKS.

4. AT ODDAR MEANCHEY PROVINCE FANK FORCES CONTINUE SWEEP OPERATIONS. LIGHT ENEMY CASUALTIES ARE REPORTED.

5. AT KOMPONG CHHNANG A STRONG ENEMY THRUST AGAINST THE DEFENSIVE PERIMETER WEST OF THE CITY IS REPORTED.

THERE WERE MINOR INCIDENTS IN THE CAPITAL. ONE OF THESE, A GRENADE INCIDENT AT A PRIVATE VILL, RESULTED IN THE DEATHS OF TWO FANK SOLDIERS WITH ANOTHER THREE PERSONS REPORTED WOUNDED. TO THE NORTHEAST OF THE CITY ONE ENGAGEMENT TOOK PLACE. IN THE BASSAC AREA TO THE SOUTHEAST, FANK TROOPS CONTINUE WHAT APPEARS TO BE A SUCCESSFUL BUT SLOW MOVE TO 'SHUT THE DOOR' ON ENEMY FORCES IN THE BASSAC CORRIDOR AREA. THIS MANOEUVER IS BEING ACCOMPLISHED BY FANK OCCUPATION OF AN ELEVATED TRAIL POSITION ACROSS THE CORRIDOR. FANK REPORTS LIGHT CASUALTIES IN THIS OPERATION.

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